New Kt Road 2nd 3rd Mo
London 1844

My dear friend

I regret that time will not allow of my writing much, but just to say that we are quite stupified and thank thee most sincerely for our share of the contents of the Box, I have forwarded all I can, & have now only to send 2 packages — to direction when rec'd — I lament that J.2 Adams should disclaim being an Abolitionist But may it not prove a good instead of an injury, is the question, For surely no man can plead even partially for the cause of Freedom without advancing the great ends we have in view a valued & able friend, used to say, that the various Veins of differing sects kept the eye of the world open to the need of vital Religion

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x they must either once or twice a week

and he concluded this was in the ordering of God - J Q Adams's age & respectable exertions should I think cause you to hesitate 'ere' you attack him - Should he be enabled to keep his ground on the "right of petition" it will be a great point gained and as "Unity is Strength" the less you dispute if you can avoid it, I think the better - I was so unwell I could not send, I doubt do nothing for your Fair I rejoice it has done so much & I do believe for the cause itself it will do more than aid the financial department - We

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rejoice to see Remond is so useful
we felt, and many of our Friends also
quite interested in him, he was
so modest & unassuming, enough
to impress every one in favour
of the coloured Race, and if his
companion Douglas is as much so
they must make their way
Has Jeffries deserted the
cause? or Is it from ill health
that he does not attend it? I
mean to send the Standard to
some of our Anti-Slavery Com-
-mittee, my Brother is now with
them - Cousin Joseph Sturge is
much their Leader. I think him
very single hearted tho" we
do not see alike - I am sorry
to see in a letter of T Clarkson's
he attributes the idea of setting
the Slaves in West Indies free to
William Allen ^ or the term of Apprenticeship we know it

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to have been the original conception of
J. Macauley, a man who quietly
did almost all the work - he
asked W. Allen to join him
with others - and my dear
Brother Thomas Grace & Tuck
met every week for 2 or 3
years & almost alone worked alone mostly
except that they kept a Secreta
to let them know when Special[illegible]
& Nov & then summoned W.
& others who had their names
put down on the list, & when
my dear T.S. said to me that
it should be 'immediate' & not
"gradual" one day I'm's in-
telligent mind with a bit of time
agreed to it, & they called all
together, all did not attend but
day about 12 I'm proposed the
change, & W. Allen opposed it
my dear T.S. sustained the
battle & 'ere' they dispersed the
majority were for it

but I am prepared for time I love Justice & Macaulay was the great worker – and many consider that excepting priority of time he did more than Clarkson or any one beside. When we were in Paris we found from Mess^rs Dupin & others that his toils had been incessant with the Persons in power & Slaveholders in the French Islands – and he was considered by the Ministry of Paris then in office as a wonderful man simple, quiet, & unobtrusive but clear, sound, & plain; he devoted near 4 years of his later days to the service of the Slave in Paris & in the various departments of France. My kind regards to David Child his Wife Remond & others – and with our united thanks & regards for thyself believe me to remain

& annuaried

as ever thy friend in this great & good cause I can scarcely sit up from weakness this I do not like to complain I fear I cannot write well enough or that my

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Brief

Hon Henry Clay
Ashland
Kentucky
United States

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Dear Elby the Lord bless thee & preserve thee, & cause his face to shine upon thee & give thee peace & truth. Amen

Dear friend